Commissioners,

In 2008, I volunteered for a campaign and was sent to walk in La Jolla. The very first door I knocked on, someone asked me if the candidate supported the student Hillel Center. I responded yes. She replied, "Sorry, I don't vote for jews. We have enough of them around here already," and closed the door in my face.

That was my introduction to the politics of D1.

The Hillel Center broke ground just last month, 13 years later, after many legal battles. It was only approved due to constitutional protections afforded to religious institutions, because as a student resource, it would never have been approved.

You need to give serious consideration to the Community Collaboration Map. There is no "conspiracy," as the former Council President from La Jolla suggested. Just a lot of people who want their voices to carry the same weight as hers. Count me among them.

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